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REMARKS

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2. On 8 July, 1955, it was learned that Arthur Pieck had retired from his previous post as chief of the Transportation Department of the East German Air Force. He was alleged to have been involved in the Lufthansa, which allegedly was a commercial airline. From his former office, Pieck allegedly took along his driver, female secretary and "Organizations-Instrukteur", the latter allegedly a highly qualified and convinced communist.²
3. The East German Lufthansa started a recruiting drive among former air technical personnel in early August 1955. These personnel were allegedly to be trained in the USSR. A former technical sergeant of the German Air Force who was now employed by the East German Lufthansa stated that he was scheduled to leave for training in the USSR on 1 September 1955.^{25X1}
4. It was learned that the Poles allegedly did not keep strictly to the agreement on air traffic signed between the GDR and Poland in late June 1955. The passengers from the GDR were very thoroughly controlled by the Polish Air Force at Warsaw-Mokotow airfield, which activity repeatedly caused delays in the flight.
5. It was learned that the delivery of Soviet commercial aircraft for the East German Lufthansa was further delayed, allegedly until the results of the Geneva conference became known.
6. It was also learned that Professor Slomka (fnu) had accepted an offer to do research work in the field of air force medicine in the GDR. At first he was to take part in a research expedition in the Caucasus.⁴

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2. Comment. The statement that Arthur Pieck, son of State President Wilhelm Pieck, became chief of the East German Lufthansa is known.

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The information that the East German Lufthansa has its headquarters in Strausberg is received for the first time.

3. Comment. On page 25 of issue No 12/55 dated 28 June 1955 of the periodical "Aussenhandel" (export trade), it was stated that the GDR had come to an agreement on air traffic with the ~~Polen in Berlin~~ on 20 June 1955. The agreement was signed by Rudolf ~~Wagner~~ for the East German Ministry of the Interior, and by Jan Rustecki, Minister for ~~and~~ and Air Transport in Poland.

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4. Comment. Professor Slomka had previously been chief of the Institute for Social and Industrial Hygiene in Berlin/Rummelsburg.

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